

ANXIETY AS TO AMERICANS

MANY TOURISTS WERE AT THE MEDITERRANEAN RESORTS.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 30.—The author, and 400 others from New England supposed to have been in Italy—Friends of Prominent People Seeking Tidings by Cable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Mr. Griscom, American Ambassador at Rome, cabled to the State Department to-day that reports had reached him that about ninety Americans were quartered at the Hotel Trinacria at Messina, which is reported as totally destroyed. It is known, he added, that some of the guests of the hotel escaped death. Mr. Griscom said that no advices had been received from the American Consuls at Messina and Palermo. At the request of the State Department he sent a consular officer to Messina to ascertain the plight of the American tourists who are supposed to have been within the earthquake zone.

The Italian Foreign Office, Mr. Griscom said, had promised to use every effort through the army and navy officers to obtain immediate news from the scene of the disaster. The British Consul at Messina is reported injured and his wife and child are said to be dead. The Foreign Office also informed Mr. Griscom that several foreign naval vessels are rushing to Messina and the immediate vicinity.

It is not believed at the State Department that many Americans have lost their lives in the disaster. The tourist season has not yet begun and there are probably only a few American tourists at Taormina, which is a winter resort between Messina and Catania and is very popular with American travelers.

In response to many requests which have poured in upon the State Department, Mr. W. J. C. Carr, chief clerk of the Department, has cabled to all consular and diplomatic officers in the vicinity of the catastrophe for detailed information of any Americans who were in the disaster. As soon as this information has been received at the Department it will be published for the information of friends and relatives.

Major-General Charles B. Hall, who is recently retired, is one of the Americans who is supposed to have been in Sicily at the time of the earthquake. Neither the State nor the War Department received any information of his whereabouts, although it is said by his friends that several weeks ago he announced his intention of going to Sicily. The Rev. David Seaburn, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana, is believed by his friends to be in Messina and the State Department was to-day requested to ascertain his whereabouts if possible.

Other Americans whom the State Department has been requested to locate are Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Philadelphia, Miss Elizabeth Pittsford of Philadelphia, Miss Henrietta L. Stadler of New York, Dr. and Mrs. Lillian L. Wiggins of New York, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Wright of Philadelphia, Miss Mary H. de Hart of Philadelphia, N. J.; Miss Mary Shorman of Philadelphia, N. J.; Miss Blanche Kane of Philadelphia, Mass.; and her daughters, the Misses Ethel and Clarissa Kittredge of Brookline, and Miss Margaret M. Mendell of Brookline.

Boston, Dec. 30.—From the tabulations it is apparent that there are about 400 New Englanders in Sicily or southern Italy. John Townsend Trowbridge of Arlington, the author, and Mrs. Trowbridge are among the Americans who are supposed to have been in Sicily at the time of the earthquake. They sailed from this port on the steamship Romanic on December 5 and arrived in Naples on December 17. On the Romanic, also bound for Italy, were Mrs. D. M. Key and the Misses Key, mother and sisters of Commander Key of the scout cruiser Salem, and Prof. and Mrs. R. P. Pumphrey of Newport.

The Canopic left this port about eight o'clock on December 21 for the Aegean and Mediterranean ports on November 21. Miss Louise H. Penfold of Boston was aboard, also Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Lang of Salem, who are on their honeymoon. They are believed to be in Naples, where they had intended to spend six weeks. Mrs. Morrill A. Phillips and her two daughters and Miss Olive Bell of Hanover left on a tour through southern Europe. Miss G. Stevens of Brookline and Miss N. F. Woodbury of Beverly were also aboard, bound for Italy.

Both steamers had in the staterooms many Sicilians returning home for the winter. Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Among the Philadelphians of social prominence who may have perished in the earthquake are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Stokes of 3419 Wayne avenue, Germantown, and their daughter, Miss Florence. The Stokeses were spending three weeks in Taormina, a winter resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes are known to have intended to be there on Christmas Day. In a letter to friends in this city Mr. Stokes said it was their intention to stay at least three weeks.

Inquiries as to their fate have been pouring in to the headquarters of the Red Cross Society from relatives and acquaintances and Dr. Steinmetz, the director, has already instituted an investigation through both Washington and the Italian branch of the society.

No news has been received here of the fate of Mrs. Louise Wood-Wright, formerly Miss Louise Wood of this city, and her sister, Miss Eleanor. The two women are reported to have been lost at Taormina. Mrs. Wright is well known in art circles here and was formerly a member of the Plastic Club. She went abroad a year ago and was married in Italy to John Wright, an artist. Recently she returned to this city on a visit to her relatives.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Scores of Chicago tourists are believed to have been in southern Italy and relatives and friends here fear that many of them met death in the earthquake. Cablegrams were sent today to the Consuls of several of the Italian cities nearest the scene of the

disaster in an effort to trace the Chicagoans known to be there.

Friends of Mrs. Mary Kenny of the Hyde Park Hotel, who left here early in the fall for an extended tour, are trying to get in communication with her. Mrs. Kenny, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Parker; her grandson, Leo Carroll, who also lives at the Hyde Park Hotel, and Mrs. Alexander Shaffer of Manchester, England, who has lately made Chicago her home, left in October for Cuba and Bermuda. It was planned that they were to sail in November for Italy and pass the winter in Sicily.

Friends of Mrs. Jacob Bauer, formerly Miss Bertha Duppier, secretary to Postmaster Campbell, fear that the young woman was killed in one of the wrecked Italian cities. Mrs. Bauer and her husband were on their honeymoon and were in Rome Christmas. From there Assistant Postmaster Hubbard received a card from Mrs. Bauer stating that she and her husband were planning to visit Sicily. As Miss Duppier Mrs. Bauer was Mayor Buse's secretary when he was postmaster and when Mr. Campbell took office she was retained in the same capacity. She is a graduate of the Kent College of Law.

The Rev. C. W. Ruth of this city has had no word from his daughter, Miss Naomi, who left this city Thanksgiving Day and at the time of the earthquake was due along the Italian coast. The last word received from Miss Ruth said she would sail from Marseilles, France, on Christmas Day, and Mr. Ruth finds that if that plan for the trip had been followed his daughter was in the path of the destruction. Miss Ruth is bound for Java to become a missionary.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fears are felt that Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Crandall of Fort Worth, Tex., perished in the earthquake. They sailed from Naples December 18 for Messina. Mrs. Crandall is a lecturer on art and went to Italy for further studies.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—Over a dozen Clevelanders are now believed to be in the danger zone in Sicily. The list included a party of tourists and Gaston Liotta, a banker, wanted by the police for absconding with \$20,000. All were last heard from at Naples or within a short distance of Messina. In the case of those heard from last at Naples all were going to Messina and vicinity.

The list and the cities in which the Clevelanders are now believed to be: Gaetano, Liotta, St. Angata, near Messina; Dr. Biagio Sanoctia, prominent Cleveland physician, Messina, with relatives; F. G. Bates, architect, touring with wife and mother, last heard from at Catania, on way to Messina; Thomas Robinson, contractor, last heard from in Messina, with wife, four children, wife's mother, Mrs. John Brown, and latter's sister; Archie Kain, on honeymoon with bride of two weeks, last heard from at Messina.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 30.—Miss Lillian Wiggins, daughter of H. B. Wiggins of East Orange, together with Elizabeth M. Wiggins, a niece of Miss Lillian and daughter of Joseph N. Wiggins, also of East Orange, have been traveling in Europe since July and two weeks ago today left Naples for Taormina, Sicily. Word to that effect was received to-day in a letter from Miss Wiggins to her father. The information caused the Wiggins family to communicate with Washington in the hope that some tidings might be received from Miss Wiggins. At the Wiggins home to-night it was said that while no news was good news they were nevertheless greatly alarmed.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—The Right Rev. David Seaburn, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana, is believed by his friends of his diocese to have been at Messina at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

CONSTL AND WIFE DEAD.

Both Lost Their Lives in the Earthquake Disaster at Messina, Italy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—William H. Gale, American Consul at Malta, to-day sent a dispatch to the State Department confirming the report of the death of Arthur S. Cheney, American Consul at Messina, and Mrs. Cheney. The dispatch said: "Have received following from Messina: 'Consul Cheney and wife both dead. Bodies not yet recovered.'"

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 30.—Dr. Arthur S. Cheney of this city, American Consul at Messina, was a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific school, Yale, of the class of '86, and received his medical education in Germany. While abroad he married an Austrian.

Dr. Cheney entered the consular service two years ago, being appointed Vice-Consul at Bielefeld, Germany. He was much Consul at Messina a few months ago. They had no children. Dr. Cheney was the son of Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney of this city, one of the best known general practitioners in Connecticut.

The 11th Congressional Directory gives the consular post of Prof. William Henry Bishop as Palermo, but friends of Prof. Bishop in this city this morning said that he had recently applied for a transfer to a post in Spain, where he intended to devote part of his time to literary work; so it is possible that he was not in Palermo at the time of the earthquake.

Prof. Bishop was formerly instructor in Spanish and French at Yale. He is a well known American novelist.

WORD FROM TWO WHO ESCAPED.

G. W. Pease Hears From His Father and Sister Via Naples.

G. W. Pease, American representative of the Sicilian American Steamship Company, who notwithstanding his English name comes of a family that has been for several generations in Italy, said yesterday that he had received a dispatch from his father, dated at Naples, saying that Messina had been completely destroyed and that the senior Pease had died with his wife and daughter. Eleanor Young Mr. Pease said that he supposed that his father had transmitted the dispatch by steamship from the neighborhood of Messina to Naples.

Mr. Pease said that the commerce of Sicily would not be materially affected by the disaster, as there were many ports, other than Messina, from which the products of the island could be shipped after the frightened population had returned to their homes. The San Giorgio of the Sicilian American fleet was last reported at Naples, bound from this side of the sea, and the San Giovanni recently arrived at Palermo.

GREAT SHIP SPRING WATER.

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Taft's Hopes for the South

HE WISHES NEW MOVEMENT TO BE PURELY SOUTHERN.

Prefers That the Clubs Organized Shall Not Bear His Name—A Leading Young Taft Democrat Centers With Him on the Matter—Other Visitors.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 30.—National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, John Hays Hammond, president of the national league of Republican clubs, and Henry W. Anderson, a young lawyer of Richmond, Va., met Mr. Taft here to-day, and talked over plans for the spreading of Republicanism in the South.

Mr. Anderson is one of many young Democrats in the South who broke away from traditional moorings in the last campaign and worked for Judge Taft. He presided over the big Taft mass meeting in Richmond. His interest in the Taft programme for winning the South has not slackened since election, and he was called into the conference to-day as a man who is part of the South and knows its feelings.

One or two important things were settled at the conference. One was that under no circumstances was this movement in the South to be handicapped by the suspicion that it represented an effort by the Taft Administration to clinch control of the organization in the South. Mr. Taft realizes that any such impression would be fatal to the hopes which he entertains as regards the South.

He is determined above all things that the movement shall be free of suggestions of selfishness and that it shall stand out for what he wants it to be, a movement on the part of the South itself to come into its own politically.

Mr. Taft made this plain at to-day's conference and it is understood that he objected to the using of his name in connection with the independent clubs whose organization through the South has been suggested. At any rate, these clubs when they are organized will be known as "independent clubs" and not as Taft clubs.

No attempt will be made for some time to undertake the work of organizing. This plan of club organization is Mr. Hammond's suggestion, but he is acting at the instance of many prominent Southerners who say there is a need of them. Mr. Taft, it is understood, is disposed to let the movement originate entirely with Southerners.

Mr. Anderson went back to Richmond to-night and he will probably undertake the work in that State. It is expected that other Southerners who have expressed an interest in the plan will visit Augusta before Mr. Taft leaves.

The independent clubs as suggested by Mr. Anderson would be made up of Democrats who believed in Mr. Taft's expressions that the South should no longer follow the Democracy as a blind tradition but vote as it thinks. Through these clubs that doctrine would be preached through the South.

Mr. Hitchcock also was of the opinion that any independent movement that was undertaken should originate with the Southerners themselves. Other conferences on this subject will be held here within the next two or three days.

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee, was another caller at the Taft house to-day. He is staying in Aiken, S. C., and ran over to Augusta merely to pay his respects to the President-elect. Charles Hopkins Clarke, editor of the Hartford Courant, talked about the Connecticut Senatorial situation with Mr. Taft.

FOR TAFT'S CABINET.

Farwell of Chicago Won't Say That the Interior Portfolio Has Been Offered Him.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—John V. Farwell refused to commit himself to-day when dispatches from Augustus G. and Washington, D. C., were shown to him, dispatches which said he was the choice of Judge Taft for Secretary of the Interior. The only thing that he would admit was that he knew Mr. Taft "personally very well," and he declared that he was sure Mr. Taft would make "the greatest President the United States ever had."

"Of course, Chicago would be proud to have one of its citizens in the Presidential Cabinet," was suggested.

"Well, I cannot say anything. I have nothing to say on that subject," said Mr. Farwell, and he forestalled any attempt to get him to talk further by rushing to the outer part of his office and disappearing in the maze of desks which lies the main floor of the building.

According to the Augusta dispatch Mr. Farwell, who is a Yale man, like Mr. Taft, was being seriously considered for the portfolio. In Washington it was reported the news caused no surprise, because there it had been known for some time that Mr. Taft wanted to find a man from Illinois for the place.

END OF \$30,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

Dr. F. B. Wilson's Action Against Pastor Coupland of Baltimore Non-Pressed.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—That mysterious \$30,000 damage suit brought by Dr. Pierre B. Wilson against the Rev. Robert S. Coupland, rector of Ascension Episcopal Church, was non-pressed in the Baltimore City Court this morning on motion of the defense for want of a declaration. So the case ends as mysteriously as it began. The suit of course could be reopened on the payment of costs by the plaintiff.

"We are just as much in ignorance as to the basis of the suit to-day as we were when it was filed," said counsel for the clergyman. "We do not know why Dr. Wilson brought the suit, nor upon what grounds."

Dr. Coupland was a witness for Mrs. Talitha V. Wilson in the Wilson divorce case, which was tried before Judge Gorter last week. It will be argued on January 4. Dr. Coupland said on the stand that he had no idea why Dr. Wilson sued him. Dr. Wilson and his lawyer have both consistently declined to say a word about the suit.

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GIRL TACKLES BURGLAR.

Platol Seared Her at First, but She Chased Him—Caught.

Mary McCarthy, 18 years old, who works for John Bach, a delicatessen store keeper at 2304 Eighth avenue, was tending store last night while Bach was out when she heard the burglar alarm ring in the living rooms above. Mary sent Bach's two little girls out to look for their father, and after looking up the store went upstairs to face the burglar.

She met him in the hallway and grappled with him. The man beat her off with his fists and then drew a revolver, threatening to shoot if she came at him again. Mary backed away and then went down stairs. He met Bach coming up, but the storekeeper didn't know what had happened.

The burglar reached the street safely, but Mary McCarthy was racing after him, shouting for help. The man ran along 126th street to Seventh avenue and turned south, stopping several times to wave his revolver at the girl. Several men joined in the chase, with them Policeman McCann of the West 126th street station.

The pursuers were closing in on the burglar when he darted into the basement hallway of the Summeret apartments at 2144 Seventh avenue. A woman was going into the basement and the burglar grabbed the key from her hand and got through the door just in time to slam it in the faces of his pursuers.

Policeman McCann found his man hid in the dumbwaiter shaft. The prisoner had a jimmy and skeleton keys. The man said he was Joseph Carroll, a plumber's helper, living at 23 East Thirty-third street. He was charged with attempted burglary and felonious assault.

BOMB FROM ELEVATED AGAIN.

Bursts in the Air—Two Men Slightly Hurt—Black Handed Letter.

Something dropped from a Second avenue elevated railroad train about 7 o'clock last night and burst with a loud noise before it could strike anything in the block between Sixth and Sixty-second streets. Sixty Murphy, who lives in the neighborhood, saw it coming and ducked.

Two other men were slightly out of breath by steel, pebbles and nails, which were spread about by the bursting of the bomb. They walked to Flower Hospital to be attended to. Apparently the fuse burned more rapidly than the marksmen on the elevated train had expected.

This neighborhood has been a favorite shooting range for the Black Handers. At 1164 Second avenue, near where the bomb fell, is an apartment house of five stories in which the tenants are Italians. On the ground floor is the fish store of Nicola Mantilla. He has had five Black Hand letters since last September demanding \$1,000 under pain of death. Mantilla gave the letters to Lieut. Petrosino of the Detective Bureau and although many appointments were made in upper Second avenue and thereabouts no one appeared to be arrested.

Next door, at 1164 Second avenue, is the fruit store of the four brothers Ambrosino. They got a letter a little while ago telling them that death was waiting for them and surely would get them if they failed to pay \$1,000 in a floral bouquet to be left at a certain gate in Calvary cemetery.

The Ambrosinos were told they would be blown up. They didn't do anything with the letter and didn't tell the police either. Last night they were figuring that the bomb was meant for them, so they let Detective Carro know about the floral tribute they were supposed to pay.

THOS. A. WARREN A SUICIDE.

Editor of the "Insurance World" Kills Himself in a Pittsburgh Hotel.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—Editor and Manager Thomas A. Warren of the Insurance World, one of the best known insurance men of the United States and who had held a position with that publication for the last twenty-seven years, committed suicide at noon to-day under circumstances rather unique. He sent word to his wife by a special delivery letter that he intended to take his life at noon and bade her an affectionate farewell.

Warren had been troubled with grip for some weeks. Shortly before noon to-day Mrs. Warren received the fateful message of farewell from her husband. Hastening to the phone she called up the Lawrenceville police station and begged that policemen be rushed to the Hotel Raymond, explaining that her husband had written her that he was going to kill himself and that she thought he would go there to do it.

Four policemen piled into the patrol wagon and a fast run was made to the Hotel Raymond. Yes, Warren had registered there and gone to his room on the third floor two hours before. The police ran upstairs and without even knocking hurried themselves against the door, carrying it in with them. They were too late. On the bed was the lifeless body of Warren and an empty carbolic acid bottle nearby told the tale.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR FREMONT.

The Major, Son of Gen. Fremont, Accused of Slandering a Superior Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—By direction of President Roosevelt a general court-martial has been ordered to convene, at Sagua La Grande, Cuba, on Friday, January 8, to try Major Francis P. Fremont, Fifth Infantry, U. S. A., on charges of slandering a superior officer.

Major Fremont is a son of the late Gen. John C. Fremont, the Pathfinder, who was nominated for the Presidency by the Republican party in 1853 to run against Buchanan. He is a brother of Capt. John C. Fremont, U. S. N., commanding the battleship Mississippi, the third squadron of the Atlantic fleet.

Charges affecting Major Fremont were considered by a court of inquiry held in Cuba, and out of this grew the present charge, which is that of characterizing a superior officer as a habitual drunkard.

In April, 1907, he was placed on trial at the court of inquiry for characterizing a superior officer as a habitual drunkard and a gentleman. There were twelve specifications in this charge which referred to non-payment of debts. The court found him not guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, but guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

He was sentenced to lose sixty days in lineal rank. This resulted in his being dropped practically to the foot of the lineal list of Majors of the Infantry series. He now stands 77 in the lineal list of 191 Majors of infantry.

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HARRIMAN ADVISES CENTRAL.

LOREE MAY SUCCEED NEWMAN AS PRESIDENT.

With Harriman Chairman of the Board in Place of Depew—Directors Adjourn Without Selecting a President, but Wait Street Report Has Selected One.

The directors of the New York Central met yesterday and adjourned without selecting a successor to W. H. Newman, whose resignation as president was tendered recently to take effect on February 1. The directors have known for several months that Mr. Newman intended to retire, and current report has had it that W. C. Brown, the ranking vice-president, who has had charge of the road in Mr. Newman's frequent absences abroad, had been virtually selected as his successor.

The failure of the board to act yesterday, however, was taken as indicating that the advancement of Mr. Brown had not been decided upon, and though nothing definite could be learned from the directors the belief was entertained, in one quarter at least, that E. H. Harriman would select the new president and that his choice would be L. F. Loree.

Mr. Loree was named by Mr. Harriman for president of the Delaware and Hudson on the resignation of the late David Willcox. He holds the same position as a trusted adviser of Mr. Harriman. Mr. Willcox died before his health failed. Mr. Harriman and Mr. Loree are together often in the evening, either at the Metropolitan Club or at Mr. Harriman's residence, and very often some of the railroad presidents in the habit of calling on Mr. Harriman are referred to Mr. Loree for solution of the particular problem under discussion.

The Union Pacific owns \$14,000,000 New York Central stock out of the outstanding \$180,000,000. The stock was purchased in the latter part of 1906, but up to the present has not brought about the election of a Union Pacific representative on the board.

According to the forthcoming annual meeting, will see the election of a Union Pacific director in the person of Mr. Harriman, and in all probability his selection as chairman of the board in place of Chauncey M. Depew. Whatever the likelihood of this, it is certain that Mr. Harriman has been consulted on the selection of a new president and is to take a more active interest in Central affairs than has been the case in the past.

His advice, it is said, is welcomed by the Vanderbilt representatives and the other controlling interests.

Mr. Loree, who is accounted one of the ablest operating men in the country, was formerly president of the Baltimore and Ohio and was president of the Kansas City Southern when he was made president of the D. & H.

GOVERNMENT FRIENDLY.

Welcome Commissioner Buchanan—Naval Officers at Caracas.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30.—The Gomez Government is ready to renew friendly relations with the United States. The presence in Venezuela of William I. Buchanan has been brought to the attention of the new Government by the Brazilian Minister, who has had charge of American affairs. He sent a note to the office of the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guinand, on Monday announcing Mr. Buchanan's errand and got the following note in reply:

"President Gomez is most anxious to reach a favorable arrangement with the United States on pending matters. He is pleased at the arrival of the American Commissioner who may at once enter upon the discharge of his elevated mission."

Naval officers from the United States cruises at La Guayra visited Caracas on Monday to return the visit of the Venezuelan Cabinet officers. Commissioner Buchanan has taken quarters on the battleship Maine since the North Carolina sailed for home on Sunday. He announces that he will attend President Gomez's reception on New Year's Day.

BLIND MAN'S DIVORCE SUIT.

John F. Maher of Philadelphia Names a Former Pupil as Co-respondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Blind and depending upon his young wife to be his "eyes," as he expressed it, John Francis Maher, the sightless attorney and preparatory instructor of this city, filed papers of divorce against his wife, Emily Himmelsbach Maher, in Clark on Wednesday, naming Horace F. Maher of this city, a former pupil of Maher's school, as co-respondent.

The Mahers live at 81 East Baltimore avenue, Lansdowne, where the blind instructor has a cozy home for himself and his wife and their four children, the youngest of whom is 4 weeks old to-day. For eighteen months they lived there until Tuesday, when Mr. Maher said he learned "such things" that prompted him to separate from his wife and children and institute action for divorce.

Clark mentioned to the correspondent that his instructor's wife while a student in her husband's school, Mr. Maher, who is an accomplished Latin and Greek scholar, had been seduced by Horace F. Maher, who is now a student at the Central School and is an unusually bright woman.

LIFE PRISON FORPEDDLED, BUT IN NO HURRY.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 30.—R. M. Johnson, who was serving a life sentence in the State Penitentiary here for murder and was pardoned by Gov. Campbell about two weeks ago, like the life of the prison so well that he has so far refused to accept his liberty. He had organized Christmas and New Year's convalescence among his fellow prisoners, when his pardon reached him and he says that he will stay in prison until the second of these events is carried out and longer if permitted.

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LOOKS LIKE BURTON VICTORY.

After Conference With C. F. Taft, Congressmen's Followers Are Jubilant.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 30.—After a three hour conference to-night between Charles P. Taft and Congressman Theodore Br. on, the leading candidates for the place in the United States Senate held by Senator Foraker, the Burton people were jubilant. They said there could no longer be any doubt of a Burton victory.

The Taft people would make no statement. It is believed that an agreement has been reached.

PUNCHED COMSTOCK.

Somebody Objected to Being Hushed Aside After Drug Store Raid.

While Anthony Comstock was busy yesterday afternoon in front of his office at 240 Nassau street unloading a truckload of stuff he had seized earlier in the day he received a blow on the jaw that staggered him. Mr. Comstock, nettled by the curiosity that followed his movements, had pushed a man back somewhat rudely. The blow followed.

Mr. Comstock with two men from his office, United States Deputy Marshal Reed and two policemen raided the French Drug Company at 30 West Thirty-second street and seized nearly a ton of pamphlets and powders. The alleged proprietor, William F. Miller of 344 Broadway, waived examination in Jefferson Market court and was held in \$600 bail for trial. When Miller was released on bail he was arrested by Deputy Marshal Reed and on a warrant charging him with sending the powders through the mails.

Mr. Comstock said that about a year and a half ago he seized 5,000 pounds of powders and pamphlets in a store on Beekman street which was run under the name of the French Drug Company. The proprietors of that place were convicted in the United States Court and fined.

EGGS FILLED WITH CARBOLIC.

Thrown at a Strike Breaking Cabman From the Sidewalk.

James McGregor, a strike breaker working for the New York Cab Company, was driving through West Forty-eighth street last evening when he was struck by an egg at his side. McGregor ducked and the egg hit the cab and splashed it. McGregor and policemen examined the egg shells and discovered that the white and yolk had been drawn out and the shells filled with carbolic acid. The tiny hole was covered with court plaster. McGregor gave a good description of the two men.

MERCY FOR ONE HEATHEN.

Who Had the Misfortune to Ask a Civil Question in a Christian Land.

Seven Chinamen who had entered this country in violation of the Federal registration act were ordered deported yesterday by Judge Hough of the United States District Court. At the same time Judge Hough reversed the Commissioner's ruling in the case of Lou Quong, an aged Chinese merchant, who had been held for deportation. In the memorandum permitting Lou Quong to remain Judge Hough says that he is old and feeble in health and has been here more than thirty years and "never attracted the attention of the Federal authorities before he had the misfortune to ask a civil question of a Federal officer on a Hudson River ferryboat."

He has been a merchant for many years and the judge concludes that he was a merchant when the law barring laborers was passed.

The men ordered deported are Yee Sing, Yee King, Lee Bow, Jon King, Charles Young, Leong Chong and Ham Fook.

STILLMAN TO RESIGN.

And Vanderbilt to Succeed as President of the City Bank.

The intention of James Stillman to resign as president of the National City Bank has been carried out, according to a report circulated yesterday and confirmed in very reliable quarters, and soon after the annual meeting on January 12 Frank A. Vanderbilt, who is the ranking vice-president and has been in charge of the bank during Mr. Stillman's protracted absence of the last three years, will be chosen to succeed him. Mr. Stillman is now abroad. Mr. Vanderbilt did not care to comment on the report.

Mr. Stillman's retirement has been anticipated, for with the exception of the panic period he has not latterly been as active as was formerly his custom in financial affairs. He has resigned from many boards, including those of the Harriman lines, and in every case has been succeeded by Mr. Vanderbilt. On his retirement as president of the City Bank he will become chairman of the board of directors, it is expected, and will be concerned himself not at all with the ordinary business of the institution will remain in